

# MONTHLY REPORT By Executive Director Pedro Payne & Staff

# June 2005

#### INTRODUCTION:

The monthly report is a monthly update of the activities of the City of Riverside Community Police Review Commission and gives the staff a chance to pass on information that they feel is important or noteworthy. The information provided in the twelve monthly reports forms the basis for the annual report.

## **COMPLAINT CASES INCREASE:**

Complaints filed either with the CPRC or RPD have increased as compared to the same period last year. By May of 2004, there were 30 complaint cases filed. By contrast, as of May of this year, there have been 44 complaint cases filed – an increase of 46%. It appears that members of the community are aware of their option to file a complaint and moreover they know where to go to file these complaints. Staff will continue to monitor the trend on a monthly basis.

#### **COMMISSIONER SERVICE RECOGNIZED:**

On June 27, 2005 the City of Riverside recognized several volunteer Commissioners who had either resigned or exhausted their term limit. Among those recognized was Gloria Huerta who served on the CPRC from April 2000 until April of this year. She was one of the original Commissioners appointed by City Council to the CPRC. Staff wishes to congratulate Gloria Huerta for her commitment to service on behalf of her community.

#### **CPRC RELEASES MEMO ON STOKES CASE:**

This month, the CPRC released the long-awaited memo on the officer-involved shooting death of Volne Stokes. Copies were made available to the press and the memo was also made available online at <a href="https://www.riversideca.gov/cprc">www.riversideca.gov/cprc</a>.

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## **OUTREACH:**

The Executive Director and various commissioners attended <u>25</u> meetings or community events. Meetings or events attended by more than one commissioner are only counted once.

| Commissioner           | Meeting / Event   | Activity                |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Les Davidson           | VIP Reception for Frank Schiavone                         | Attended; One-on-One    |
| Bob Garcia             | Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability             | Presenter / Participant |
| Mike Gardner           | Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability             | Presenter / Participant |
| Jim Ward               | Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability             | Presenter / Participant |
| Brian C. Pearcy        | Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee                    | Attended                |
|                        | Riverside Downtown Partnership General Membership Meeting | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Good Morning Riverside                                    | Attended                |
|                        | Leadership Riverside Graduation                           | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Downtown Parking Committee                                | Attended                |
|                        | Riv. Co. Bar Assoc. Leaders' Dinner                       | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Lincoln Club Luncheon                                     | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Downtown Chambers Board Meeting                           | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Project Bridge Steering Committee                         | Attended                |
|                        | Greater Chambers Board Meeting                            | Attended                |
|                        | Chambers of Commerce Economic                             | Attended                |
|                        | Development Meeting                                       |                         |
|                        | Coffee with Chief Leach                                   | One-on-One              |
|                        | Law & Media Steering Committee                            | Attended; One-on-One    |
| 01 11 0 1              | Lunch with Jay Orr  | One-on-One              |
| Sheri L. Corral        | June 28 Council Meeting                                   | Attended                |
| Dr. Bonavita B. Quinto | Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability             | Presenter / Participant |
|                        | Eileen Street Neighborhood Block Party                    | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Project Hope  | Presenter / Participant |
| Exec. Director Payne   | Riverside Coalition for Police Accountability             | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Latino Network (2)  | Announcement            |
|                        | The Group (2)   | Announcement            |
|                        | Owens Memorial  | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Boards & Commissions Reception                            | Attended; One-on-One    |
|                        | Project Hope  | Presenter / Participant |

A number of local organizations and groups have taken advantage of the opportunity to have CPRC commissioners come to their meetings and discuss the Commission and its work. If you would like to have a commissioner speak at one of your meetings, please call the office at (951) 826-5509.

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#### WORKLOAD - June 2005:

| Cases Received | Lodged | Filed through CPRC | Filed through RPD |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                | 0      | 0                  | 5                 |

A complaint is considered lodged when a citizen makes a complaint to the CPRC; it is filed when the completed complaint form is submitted.

| Case Dispositions | Cases Reviewed | Inquiries* | Administratively Closed** |
|-------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------------|
|                   | 8              | 2          | 1                         |

\*Inquiries occur when a member of the public is merely requesting clarification of a policy or procedure.

\*\*Administrative Closure occurs when a case is closed for reasons other than being reviewed or being classified as Inquiries.

| Allegations | U/F | Disc/SH | IDF | ISS | FA | FR | CC | MC |
|-------------|-----|---------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|
|             | 3   | 0       | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 8  |

U/F = Use of Force; Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment; IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms;
ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure; FA = False Arrest; FR = False Reporting; CC = Criminal Conduct; MC = Misconduct / Misconduct Noted

| Findings   | Unfounded | Exonerated | Not Sustained | Sustained |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|
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Unfounded - The alleged act did not occur. Exonerated - The alleged act occurred but was justified, legal and proper. Not Sustained - The investigation produced insufficient information to prove or disprove the allegation. Sustained - The Department member committed all or part of the alleged acts of misconduct or poor service. Misconduct Noted - The Department member violated a section of the Department policies, rules or regulations not originally alleged in the complaint.

## **Misconduct Noted**

During investigations of alleged misconduct, all aspects of an officer's actions are inspected. When a policy violation is discovered beyond that alleged by the complainant, it is classified as "Misconduct Noted" and, by definition, is a "Sustained" finding. Of the cases reviewed this month, 1 allegations of "Misconduct Noted" were discovered.

#### Cases on Hold

There are currently no cases on hold in our office. Held cases have either been returned to RPD for further investigation or are being held pending further investigation by the CPRC investigator.

#### Case Processing Analysis for Cases Reviewed in June 2005

This chart reflects the average number of days the Police Department and CPRC took to process Category 1 and Category 2 cases reviewed in June. These figures <u>do not</u> include cases that were returned by the Commission for further investigation.

|   | Category 1 | Category 2 |
|---|------------|------------|
| RPD investigation and administrative processing | 87         | 47         |
| CPRC processing and review                      | 45         | 50         |

Category 1 complaints are the most serious allegations such as criminal conduct and use of excessive force.

Category 2 complaints are the less serious allegations such as discourtesy and improper procedure.

## **Policy Recommendations**

There were no policy recommendations made by the Commission in June 2005.

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